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SUBJECT: CSCE POLICY: INFORMATION - COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES

REF: A) GENEVA 5974; B) GENEVA 6175

1. DRAFTING ON THE EASIEST PART OF THE INFORMATION TEXT, COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES, HAS MOVED RAPIDLY. SEVERAL PARAS HAVE BEEN AGREED IN THE INFORMAL GROUP, LEAVING ONLY A FEW MINOR PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED. WE DO NOT SEE ANY LEGAL OR OTHER PROBLEMS WITH THIS TEXT AND PLAN TO CONCUR IN ITS PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION, WHICH SEEMS LIKELY FOR DEC. 15 UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. TEXT FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT:

(1) TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATION ON THE BASIS OF SHORT OR LONG TERM AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS, IN PARTICULAR;

(2) - THEY WILL FAVOUR INCREASED COOPERATION AMONG MASS MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING PRESS AGENCIES, AS WELL AS AMONG PUBLISHING HOUSES AND ORGANIZATIONS;

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(3) - THEY WILL FAVOUR COOPERATION AMONG PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION ORGANIZATIONS, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF BOTH LIVE AND RECORDED RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, AND THROUGH THE JOINT PRODUCTION AND THE BROADCASTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH PROGRAMMES;

(4) 1 THEY WILL ENCOURAGE MEETINGS AND CONTACTS BOTH BETWEEN JOURNALISTS' ORGANIZATIONS AND BETWEEN JOURNALISTS FROM THE PARTICIPATING STATES;

(5) - THEY WILL VIEW FAVOURABLY THE POSSIBILITIES OF ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS AS WELL AS BETWEEN NEWSPAPERS FROM THE PARTICIPATING STATES. FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING AND PUBLISHING ARTICLES;

(6) - THEY WILL ENCOURAGE THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION AS WELL AS THE ORGANIZATION OF JOINT RESEARCH AND OF MEETINGS DEVOTED TO THE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND VIEWS BETWEEN EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF THE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION. END TEXT.

2. PARA 1 OF ABOVE TEXT, IN OUR READING, MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS OBLIGING THE USG TO CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY PROPOSALS TO ENTER INTO SHORT OR LONG-TERM GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATION. HOWEVER, THAT PARAGRAPH DOES NOT SPECIFY WHICH SPECIFIC AREAS, WITHIN THE GENERAL FIELD OF INFORMATION, WOULD BE COVERED BY ANY INERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS. THE COMMITMENT ENTAILED BY PARA 1 THEREFORE IS SO VAGUE, WE BELIEVE, AS TO BE VIRTUALLY MEANINGLESS AS FAR AS USG IS CONCERNED. PARAS 2 THROUGH 6 DO LIST SPECIFIC AREAS OF COOPERATION BUT ALL OF THESE WOULD FALL, SO FAR AS THE US IS CONCERNED, WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND NOT RPT NOT WITHIN THAT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THUS WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAVE NO RPT NO PROBLEM IN AUTHORIZING US TO APPROVE HIS PAPER.
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